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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PAKISTANI POWS

1. RESPONSIBLE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS TOLD US THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MEDICI HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE ON APRIL 12 FOUR WIVES OF PAKISTANI WAR PRISONERS. ACCORDING SOURCE, ITALIANS HAVE INFORMED PAKISTANIS, INDIANS, AND BENGALIS THAT MEDICI'S AGREEMENT TO SEE POW WIVES IS STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN GESTURE.

2. OFFICIAL SAID THAT PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR IN ROME HAS MADE PERIODIC DEMARCHES AT FOREIGN MINISTRY URGING ITALIAN INTERVENTION IN NEW DELHI ON POW QUESTION. SOURCE ASSERTED THAT ALTHOUGH ITALIANS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR HUMANITARIAN AND JURIDICAL SYMPATHY WITH GOP ON PRISONER ISSUE, THEY HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT AGREED TO SPEAK TO INDIANS ON MATTER, AND HAVE NO RPT NO INTENTION OF DOING SO SINCE THEY BELIEVE SUCH EFFORT COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. OFFICIAL EXPRESSED VIEW THAT INDIANS THEMSELVES HAVE RECENTLY DECIDED TO TRY TO BREAK POW IMPASSE.  
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